

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 16, delete paragraph [0065] and replace it with the following new paragraph:

[0065] The stent 10 preferably is symmetric with respect to a plane passing through its longitudinal center 50, perpendicularly to the central, longitudinal axis 44. Of course, as would be appreciated by those skilled in the art, symmetry is not required to practice the invention. Specifically, it is contemplated that the stent 10 may not be symmetrical about the plane disposed perpendicularly to the longitudinal axis 44. For example, in one embodiment, it is contemplated there may be only one securement barb 40, 42 at one end of the stent 10, rather than a securement barb 40, 42 at each end. Similarly, only one end may include a conically tapered tip portion 36, [[28]] 38.